

After an extra long day of work, with no overtime pay, and a 45 minute drive that I must make just in order to pay my bills, I go home, clean and cook dinner, and finally sit down to eat, sometimes as late as 8 o'clock (or even later!), so that I can work on projects that I had to take home with me. How frustrating it is when call after call comes in asking if I would like to buy this or that..., interrupting my dinner, or my work from home that I just want to finish so that I can go to bed and do it all over again the next day.

It is harrasment.

Should a person call my home that often, I would place harrasment charges upon them and block their numbers from my line. Fortunately, NJ has put strict laws into effect that has prevented telemarketers' harrasing calls from interrupting the few hours I spend in the home I work so hard for. After about a year of telling callers to "put me on their do no call list" the calls dwindled down to almost nothing.

Ah! Peace! This was especially a blessing in the mornings, at 8am on my day off when I used to receive a call that would wake me EVERY WEEKEND, usually followed by another that would eliminate all possibility of falling back asleep.

It is not fair to allow this kind of harrasment to continue. Why should I turn my phone off for the sole purpose of avoiding calls from telemarketers? What if a family member is in trouble or need? Should they not be able to reach me because I am sheltering myself from someone who wants to sell me something I do not even have the money to buy, or tell me I have won a trip that I do not even have the time to take?

Keeping the laws strict are essential to the sanity and well-being of the working men and women who keep this country running. Please, let's keep it that way.